



NEW JERSEY'S 2007 DEER FENCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The fence is high tensile-woven wire 6 1/2 feet in height with two strands of high tensile wire to be placed above the mesh at one-foot intervals. Under this program, up to 30% of the line posts will also be provided. The life expectancy of the fencing is 20 years.

Fence will be high tensile hinge lock.

Each eligible applicant shall receive **up to** 5,000 linear feet of fencing and **up to** 30% of the corresponding line posts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

FARMERS WHO WERE AWARDED FENCING AND MATERIALS IN THE 2004/ 2005 or 2006 PROGRAMS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

To be eligible to receive deer fencing and posts under this program, an applicant must satisfy the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a New Jersey farmer having documented proof of a minimum of \$40,000 in sales of agricultural commodities produced by the applicant on a New Jersey farm OR; a New Jersey certified organic farmer having documented proof of a minimum of \$20,000 in sales of agricultural commodities produced by the applicant on a New Jersey farm OR; the applicant may be a new or beginning New Jersey farmer with documented proof of \$5,000 in sales of agricultural commodities produced by the applicant on a New Jersey farm that was established between 2000 and 2007 through present day.
- The applicant must be the owner of the land upon which the fencing will be erected or the applicant must rent preserved farmland or farmland that is enrolled in an Eight-Year Farmland Preservation Program.
- The applicant must have a federal identification number.

- The applicant **must** attend at least one seminar sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension on the proper installation procedures for deer fencing. Proof of attendance must be provided to the Department.
- The fencing installation procedures used must adhere to standards that ensure the fencing provides effective exclusion of deer incursions. Fact sheets such as Rutgers Cooperative Extension fact sheet #FS889 “High Tensile Woven Wire Fences for Reducing Wildlife Damage” as well as manufacturers specifications for installation provide information regarding proper installation procedures.
- Fencing must be installed within one year from the date of issue or returned to the NJDA for redistribution. Any fencing that is returned will be assessed for damage. Failure to install the deer fence within the one-year agreed time frame or failure to install the deer fence according to installation standards that ensure the fencing provides effective exclusion of deer incursions shall prohibit the applicant from receiving deer fencing under any future NJDA or NJDEP programs. In addition, the applicant will be required to reimburse the NJDA for any fencing that cannot be redistributed to other farmers.

NEW/BEGINNING FARMS

In addition to the criteria listed above, new or beginning farm operations must provide the following information:

- Documentation showing the applicant qualifies for farmland assessment
- Number of person hours worked on the farm annually
- Itemized business expenditures (i.e. seed, equipment, fuel, etc.) over the prior year
- Current stage of production
 - Number of acres in production
 - Number of bushels or pounds produced
 - Number of acres intentionally laid fallow

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/ PROJECTS:

- Farmers who were awarded fencing and materials in the 2004/2005 or 2006 programs
- Nonprofit organizations
- Fencing erected to contain equine, livestock, poultry or other animals

DISTRIBUTION OF FENCE:

Fence distribution will take place at the Rutgers Snyder Research & Extension Farm (Hunterdon County) and at the Rutgers Agricultural Research & Extension Center (Cumberland County). Forklifts will be available onsite to load the fencing material. Distribution dates will be determined.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked by October 15, 2007 and returned to:

New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources
PO Box 330
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330
or by facsimile at (609) 633-7229

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at (609) 292-5532